# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
# LOK SABHA

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Modernisation of Canals
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the work of modernization of Sone canal and the irrigation facilities made available to the farmers through it and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated and spent for its modernization during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide wayside basic amenities along the canal including repairing, modernization and widening of roads over it and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any projects have been sanctioned/approved for the purpose in Bihar during the last three years and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released/utilised during the said period; and

(e) the further steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVERDEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(SHRI SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) Sone Canal Modernisation Project was included under AIBP in 1998-99 and was declared complete in 2009-10. Central Assistance of Rs. 168.45 crore was provided for this Project. An Irrigation Potential of 8.68 lakh ha. has been created through this Project and Utilization of 5.17 lakh ha of potential has been reported.CWC team visited the Sone Modernization Project site on 19th& 20th May 2016 to take stock of the current situation of Irrigation Potential Created (IPC) and Irrigation Potential Utilised (IPU). After visit CWC has made certain recommendations in this regard which are at Annexure.

(c) The works related to basic amenities along the canal including repairing, modernisation and widening of roads over it comes under the purview of concerned State Government.

(d) & (e) Two ongoing AIBP Projects of Bihar namely Durgawati and Punpun Barrage project have been prioritized for completion by December, 2019. During 2015-16, CA of Rs.38.75 crore and Rs.2.76 crore was released for these projects respectively. The proposal for release of Central Assistance (CA) for Punpun Barrage Project has not been received during 2016-17. Further, State Government has not submitted Utilization Certificate (UC) for the past CA released for Durgawati Project. Further releases to these projects are dependent upon fulfilment of conditions as per AIBP guidelines and submission of Utilization Certificates (UCs) for past releases.

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Annexure
Annexure as referred to in reply to Part (a & b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5472 for reply on 6-4-2017 regarding modernization of canals.

1. The obstacle to flow of water by bushes, trees, slit and debris along the canal network needs to be cleared at regular interval to enable water flow in canals and distributaries.
2. Damaged canal cross section in main canal, and damaged FICs need to be replaced and rectified to reduce the loss of water due to seepage.
3. More WUAs should be formed and made functional. Farmers should be encouraged to maintain the on Farm Development works in the command area and should be encouraged to have feel of ownership.
4. To utilize the Irrigation Potential Created from Sone Modernization Project and bridge the gap between IPC and IPU, adequate financial support is required on regular basis so that proper maintenance of the system is ensured.
5. The completion of following works required to bridge the gap to the tune of 112050 ha:-

i) Western Parallel Link Channel.
ii) Western Link Canal (10.09 KM length).
iii) Lining work of Arrah main Canal and its distributaries.
iv) Malai Barrage on Kaw river.
v) Pump house on Ganga River.
vi) Chausa Branch Canal from 0.00 Km to 12.4 Km.